

Manuel Barroso of the European Commission to the White House on January 8, 2007.

The President announced the recess appointment of Dabney Langhorne Friedrich and Beryl A. Howell as members of the U.S. Sentencing Commission.

The President announced the recess appointment of John R. Steer as a member of the U.S. Sentencing Commission and designated him Vice Chair.

December 14

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

In the evening, on the State Floor, the President and Mrs. Bush hosted a holiday reception.

December 15

In the morning, the President had a telephone conversation with Prime Minister Abdullah bin Ahmad Badawi of Malaysia. He then had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Arlington, VA. Later, he returned to Washington, DC.

Later in afternoon, the President and Mrs. Bush went to the State Department where they participated in a holiday reception for members of the diplomatic corps. Later, they returned to the White House.

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Nominations Submitted to the Senate

NOTE: No nominations were submitted to the Senate during the period covered by this issue.

Checklist of White House Press Releases

The following list contains releases of the Office of the Press Secretary that are neither printed as

items nor covered by entries in the Digest of Other White House Announcements.

Released December 9

Statement by the Press Secretary announcing that the President signed H.J. Res. 102

Released December 11

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Tony Snow

Released December 12

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Tony Snow

Statement by the Press Secretary: Holocaust Denial Conference Sponsored by Iranian Regime

Statement by the Press Secretary announcing that the President signed H.R. 2383, H.R. 3817, H.R. 4000, H.R. 4559, H.R. 5061, H.R. 5103, H.R. 5585, H.R. 5690, and H.R. 6121

Statement by the Press Secretary on disaster assistance to Washington

Statement by the Press Secretary on disaster assistance to New York

Released December 13

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Tony Snow

Statement by the Press Secretary: Visit of European Commission President Jose Barroso

Statement by the Press Secretary announcing that the President signed H.R. 4377

Released December 14

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Tony Snow

Released December 15

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Tony Snow

Statement by the Press Secretary announcing that the President signed H.R. 3699

**Acts Approved
by the President**

Approved December 9

H.J. Res. 102 / Public Law 109–383
Making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2007, and for other purposes

Approved December 12

H.R. 2383 / Public Law 109–384
To redesignate the facility of the Bureau of Reclamation located at 19550 Kelso Road in Byron, California, as the “C.W. ‘Bill’ Jones Pumping Plant”

H.R. 3817 / Public Law 109–385
Valle Vidal Protection Act of 2005

H.R. 4000 / Public Law 109–386
To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to revise certain repayment contracts with the Bostwick Irrigation District in Nebraska, the Kansas Bostwick Irrigation District No. 2, the Frenchman-Cambridge Irrigation District, and the Webster Irrigation District No. 4, all a part of the Pick-Sloan Missouri Basin Program, and for other purposes

H.R. 4559 / Public Law 109–387
To provide for the conveyance of certain National Forest System land to the towns of Laona and Wabeno, Wisconsin, and for other purposes

H.R. 5061 / Public Law 109–388
Paint Bank and Wytheville National Fish Hatcheries Conveyance Act

H.R. 5103 / Public Law 109–389
To provide for the conveyance of the former Konnarock Lutheran Girls School in Smyth

County, Virginia, which is currently owned by the United States and administered by the Forest Service, to facilitate the restoration and reuse of the property, and for other purposes

H.R. 5585 / Public Law 109–390
Financial Netting Improvements Act of 2006

H.R. 5690 / Public Law 109–391
Ouachita National Forest Boundary Adjustment Act of 2006

H.R. 6121 / Public Law 109–392
To amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to reauthorize a program relating to the Lake Pontchartrain Basin, and for other purposes

Approved December 13

H.R. 4377 / Public Law 109–393
To extend the time required for construction of a hydroelectric project, and for other purposes

Approved December 14

H.R. 4766 / Public Law 109–394
Esther Martinez Native American Languages Preservation Act of 2006

S. 2250 / Public Law 109–395
Congressional Tribute to Dr. Norman E. Borlaug Act of 2006

Approved December 15

H.R. 3699 / Public Law 109–396
Federal and District of Columbia Government Real Property Act of 2006